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POLITICAL

CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES TO FLY TO AREAS OF IMPORTANCE TO STATE -- Prague, Letecky Obzor, No 5, May 60, p 129

Engr Vaclav Stejskal, chief of the Aviation Section of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Transportation, declared in a copyrighted article in Letecky Obzor that "the development of overseas [Czechoslovak air] transportation will be directed in accordance with the interests of the state so that its lines will eventually reach those areas in the world which are politically and economically significant for the state."

SOCIOLOGICAL

CHINESE ARMY PROMOTES PHONETIC SCRIPT AND COMMON LANGUAGE -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 11 Jun 60, p 4

The Chinese PLA (People's Liberation Army) General Political Department recently issued a directive to all army units on the immediate execution of a program to learn the Chinese phonetic script and to popularize the use of the common Chinese language (P'u T'ung Hua). According to the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao of 11 June 1960, this directive reiterated the 22 April 1960 instructions of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee on eliminating illiteracy quickly by concentrating on the study of phonetic characters and simultaneously urging students, professors, young workers, farmers, storekeepers, business employees, and officers and men of the Army to use the common language.

"In the Army," Jen-min Jih-pao quotes the directive, "it is most important to eliminate illiteracy among the young new recruits, elevate the military and political standards of the soldiers, and standardize the pronunciation of words. All company units shall expand their facilities to teach the common language especially to messengers, instructors, radio announcers, cultural group workers, interpreters, movie actors, etc."

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EAST GERMAN REVIEW CRITICAL OF SOVIET VIEWS ON LABOR ECONOMICS -- Berlin, Einheit, Apr 60

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A review by Hans Thalmann of a recent Soviet book on labor economics, edited by A. S. Kudryavtsev, questions the orthodoxy of the division which the book advocates of the main factors governing the development of the means of production and cites a different division based on Marx. He regrets that the study did not deal "adequately" with the connection between problems of labor productivity and the socialist organization of work and refutes as "incorrect" the book's assertion that individual competition is the most generally used and most effective form of competition.

ECONOMIC

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CRITICISM OF CZECHOSLOVAK-SOVIET TRADE RELATIONS DISCLOSED -- Prague, Planovane Hospodarstvi, No 5, May 60, pp 333-334

Adolf Suk, in an article entitled "The Significance of Economic Cooperation Between Czechoslovakia and the USSR," admits that in Czechoslovakia "enemy propaganda, nationalists, and revisionists now are attempting to raise doubts as to one or another aspect of the advantage of economic relations with the USSR." He goes on to reveal that even "honest people" question these relations and that one such question concerns prices, while another is raised about possible disadvantages in Czechoslovak export of uranium to the Soviet Union.

EAST GERMANS IMPLY FAILURE TO MEET CONTRACT COMMITMENTS TO USSR -- Berlin, Presse-Informationen, No 56, 16 May 60, p 2

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In an article discussing ~~damage done other bloc countries~~, the publication contends that "It is much more useful to deliver our machine exports on time, in accordance with the requirements of the Soviet economic plan and accepted quality standards. When the delivery obligations of one plant are not fulfilled, this will have a negative influence on the production of the partner country and the socialist camp as a whole. Tendencies to make up arrears in the delivery of certain machines by the delivery of other machines to fulfill the plan in terms of value must be rejected...."

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EVIDENCE OF EAST GERMAN MEAT SHORTAGES -- Leipzig, Leipziger Volkszeitung,
31 May 60

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Consumers in Bezirk Leipzig will receive 1,350 tons less pork in 1960 because 12,000 sows originally earmarked for slaughtering had to be bred to make up for lags in the 1959 breeding plan, admitted Erich Gruetzner, chairman of the Leipzig Bezirk Council, in a speech carried by the 31 May 1960 issue of Leipziger Volkszeitung. In the speech given at a recent Bezirk Leipzig SED (Socialist Unity Party of Germany) Delegate Conference, Gruetzner is reported to have insisted that the cattle and breeding plans must be scrupulously adhered to as a pre-condition for the fulfillment of the agricultural market production plans.

[Comment: This announcement by Gruetzner appears to bear out current reports on East German meat shortages.]

EAST GERMAN COMMUNITY KITCHENS SET UP -- Berlin, National-Zeitung,
2 Jun 60

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Rural restaurants in a number of East German villages are now said to be feeding agricultural producer cooperative (LPG) farmers and their families in a community kitchen system to "relieve farmers' wives of their kitchen work." According to the 2 June 1960 Berlin National-Zeitung, some 13 rural restaurants in Kreis Halberstadt and 22 in Bezirk Potsdam are now serving meals to cooperative farmers.

HONAN CADRES SENT TO LABOR FRONT -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 14 Jun 60,
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Recently more than 10,000 cadres in Honan, including provincial party secretaries, have gone to the field as producers and commanders to participate in drought resistance work, iron and steel work, and cultivation for fall crops. Some local party committees have moved their offices to key hsiens; hsien committees have moved to key communes; commune committees have moved to key large corps (ta tui); and large corps committees have moved their operations into the fields. Problems will now be solved at the working level.

Party secretaries and committee members of all levels are now participating in production in "backward corps," working in the weakest links, and laboring in and commanding the most difficult jobs.

[Figures released on Chinese cadres' physical labor assignments appear in Foreign Press Bulletin for 15 June 1960.]

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